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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Grants available for LITA forum in St. Louis

Using funding from the Gates Foundation, the State Library is offering training grants for rural public library staff so they may attend the Library and Information Technology Association National Forum in St. Louis on October 8-10, 2004.

Grant funds will cover the forum's registration fees, lodging for two nights, and meals for three days. Applicants are responsible for travel expenses to and from St. Louis, and pre-conference expenses are not eligible. Up to 12 grants may be awarded, but only one applicant per library will be selected.

Schedules and additional information about the LITA National Forum may be found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/lita/litaevents/2004Forum/Default5182.htm>. Eligible public libraries will receive the application by e-mail from the State Library.

Applications must be postmarked (or faxed with originals to follow) by September 15, 2004. Contact Brenda Sites, continuing education consultant, at (800) 325-0131, ext. 13, or brenda.sites@sos.mo.gov with questions or for more information.

Learn new ideas for serving your senior population

Don't miss the opportunity to explore new ideas for serving your senior population!

Space is still available for the State Library's Senior Friendly Libraries workshops.

RoseMary Honnold and Saralyn Mesaros, authors of *Serving Seniors: A How-to-Do-It Manual*, will present the workshop on September 15 at the Shelbina Carnegie Library and on September 17 at the Barton County Library in Lamar. The authors will share ideas from some of their most successful and exciting library and outreach programs.

Participants will learn about:

- Five key planning questions to answer prior to developing programs
- Great minds: developing discussion groups for older adults
- Bringing generations together: mixing seniors with teens and children
- Delivering library programs to seniors where they live

The workshops are offered at no cost to Missouri's library personnel. Registration is available at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/workshop/srfriendly/2004/>.

Trustee workshop focuses on financial matters

The State Library has brought together three local experts to help public library trustees to master their financial responsibilities. Don Gaertner, retired director of the St. Louis County Library, Annie Busch, director of the Springfield-Greene County Public Library, and Jan Horton, President Emeritus of Community Foundation of the Ozarks, are scheduled as presenters for the State Library's trustee workshop on Saturday, September 25.

The workshop, "Making Every Dollar Count," is the final in a series designed to help library board members become "master" trustees. Over the course of previous workshops, trustees have learned about their roles and responsibilities, legal issues, and planning and standards.

"Making Every Dollar Count" will focus on the trustee's fiscal responsibility to the library district. Presenters will discuss how to set the library's tax rates, how to establish and manage the budget, how to implement good risk management policies, and how to develop alternative funding sources for the library.

The workshop will be conducted by videoconference to six libraries across the state, and is free to Missouri public library trustees and staff members. Participants are welcome to attend the workshop at any of the six locations:

- Cass County Public Library, 400 East Mechanic, Harrisonville
- Columbia Public Library, 100 West Broadway, Columbia
- H.E. Sever Memorial Library, 207 West Chestnut, Kahoka
- The Library Center, 4653 South Campbell, Springfield
- Mississippi County Public Library, 105 East Marshall, Charleston
- West Plains Public Library, 750 West Broadway Street, West Plains

Trustees or library staff can register by mailing or faxing in a registration form, or by e-mailing holly.dentner@sos.mo.gov with your name, library, address, and workshop location. Onsite registration will also be accepted.

Summer reading program evaluations due

Public libraries participating in the 2004 summer reading program sponsored by the State Library should submit their program evaluations by this Friday, September 10. An online version of the evaluation is available on the State Library Web site, at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/services/youth/2004/evaluation.asp>. Please contact Nancee Dahms-Stinson at (800) 625-0131, ext. 5, or nancee.dahms-stinson@sos.mo.gov if you have any questions about completing the evaluation forms.

Audio and e-book conference scheduled for October

The Alliance Library System and the Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center will host “Audiobook and E-Book Expo: Exploring Digital Books and Content” on Friday, October 29, 2004. The conference will focus on current and future technology and the impact on all users, including the visually impaired and learning disabled. Experts will share the latest information on Web-based e-book management systems, handheld players, and collaborative projects.

Select events at the expo will be broadcast online, including a live video feed and audio feed for select programs. There is no charge for attending the Webcast or audiocast, but registration is required.

More information can be found at <http://www.mitbc.org/audioebook/index.html>, or by contacting Lori Bell at the Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center, (309) 694-9200, ext. 2128, or lbell@alliancelibrarysystem.com.

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